Vacant posts in Nehru Yuva Kendras

†*229. SHRI BALAWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of District Youth Co-ordinator in Nehru Yuva Kendras at present;

(b) the reasons for not filling up these posts; and

(c) the alternative provisions made in such districts?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) At present, 143 posts of Youth Co-ordinator are vacant. These posts were created by Board of Governors of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS). The vacant posts have not been filled as the Government has not sanctioned these posts. Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) had also recommended "the country wide organization of the Sangathan may be dispensed with, and the state level bodies allowed to over see the set up in districts & villages for which purpose the funds provided for the scheme could be transferred to States." The Ministry referred the matter to Ministry of Finance with its views, which directed that no posts in NYKS should be filled in till a final decision is taken on the recommendations of ERC. As per their advice, the matter was referred to the Committee of Secretaries (COS) and the same is under process with the Ministry.

(c) District Youth Co-ordinators of the other Kendras as well as Regional Coordinators have been given the additional charge of vacant Kendras.

Crashes of MIG aircrafts

*230. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crashes of MiG aircrafts of Indian Air Force that have occurred during 2003 and so far during 2004;

(b) the number of civilian lives lost, the number of those seriously injured and the extent of damage to civilian property caused in each case;

(c) whether compensation to civilians in all cases has been made; if not, the reasons for delay;

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